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Pre-matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for Differently Abled

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides pre-matric and post-matric scholarship to differently abled students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number of such scholarships for students with disabilities, as a measure of financial support and empowerment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to increase the amount of scholarships from 2-2.5 lakhs per annum, to accommodate the increase in cost of education; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b) The scheme of Pre-matric and Post-matric scholarship for persons with disabilities has been launched in the year 2014-15. The Pre-matric scholarship is for class IX and X and the Parental income ceiling for eligible beneficiaries is Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum. As per the scheme, 46000 scholarships can be granted every year.

The Post-matric scholarship scheme is for class XI, XII to Post Graduate degree/diploma level. Parental income ceiling for eligible beneficiaries is Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum. Under this scheme there is a provision of scholarship, book grant, tuition fees, disability allowances etc.

During 2014-15, the scheme was implemented through the State Governments. From the year 2015-16, the scheme is being implemented through the National e-scholarship portal (www.scholarships.gov.in)

(c) to (f) Since these schemes have been launched in 2014-15 only and there are inadequate number of eligible applications under both the schemes, hence, there is no proposal to increase the number of such scholarships.
